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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-15 are pending in the application; claim 2, 8, and 16 are canceled.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-7 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by German 3536132. Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating therein the features of claims 2 and 8 so that the above rejection no longer applies.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st and 2nd paragraphs. Claim 16 has been canceled.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over German 3536132. Claim 16 has been canceled

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 8-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claims 2 and 8 and should thus be allowable together with its dependent claims.

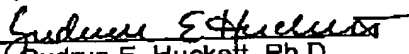
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or e-mail from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

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